

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3-9 are canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of operating a telecommunications system having a switching facility and a plurality of subscriber channels over which data are transmitted in packet form, comprising:

recognizing calls from subscribers to an internet; ~~and~~

at the front end of the switching facility associated with said subscribers, combining those packets of the plurality of subscriber channels that are to be sent to the internet onto a single channel; and

in a concentrator, concentrating data incoming on two or more B channels in a single, outgoing channel; wherein two or more devices of the concentrator together control the feeding of packets into at least one concentrating channel, particularly with a view to avoiding and controlling access contention.

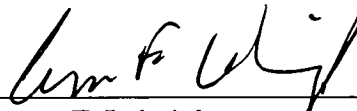
Claim 10 is added as a new claim.

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